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ASSOCIATION INTELLIGENCE.

PROCEEDINGS OF COUNCIL.

At a meeting of the Council, held, by kind permission of the Metropolitan Asylums Board, London, in their Board Room, on Wednesday, January 29th, at 2 o'clock in the afternoon,

Present:

Mr. EDMUND OWEN, LL.D., London, Chairman of Council, in the Chair.

Dr. HENRY DAVY, Exeter, President.

Dr. J. A. MACDONALD, Taunton, Chairman of Representative Meetings.

Dr. EDWIN RAYNER, Stockport, Treasurer.

Dr. JOHN FORD ANDERSON, London
Mr. H. A. BALLANCE, Norwich
Dr. EDGAR G. BARNES, Eye
Fleet Surgeon E. J. BIDEN, R.N., Fareham
Dr. T. R. BRADSHAW, Liverpool
Dr. J. BRASSEY BRIERLEY, Manchester
Dr. W. A. CARLINE, Lincoln
Mr. ANDREW CLARK, D.Sc., London
Dr. W. COLLIER, Oxford
Mr. C. F. CUTHBERT, Gloucester
Mr. E. J. DOMVILLE, Exeter
Mr. A. J. DREW, Oxford
Dr. GEORGE EASTES, London
Mr. C. E. S. FLEMMING, Bradford-on-Avon
Mr. GEORGE COOPER FRANKLIN, LL.D., Leicester
Dr. J. H. GALTON, Upper Norwood, S.E.
Dr. JOSEPH J. GIUSANI, Cork
Dr. ALFRED GODSON, Cheadle
Dr. BRUCE GOFF, Bothwell
Dr. DAVID GOYDER, Bradford
Dr. JAMES HAMILTON, Glasgow
Dr. G. E. HASLIP, London
Colonel C. H. JOUBERT DE LA FERTÉ, I.M.S. ret., Weybridge
Mr. HUGH R. KER, London
Mr. R. H. KINSEY, Bedford
Mr. F. C. LARKIN, Liverpool
Dr. J. MUNRO MOIR, Inverness
Professor J. T. J. MORRISON, Birmingham
Dr. T. G. NASMYTH, Edinburgh
Professor WM. OSLER, F.R.S., Oxford
Mr. C. H. WATTS PARKINSON, Wimborne
Dr. FRANK M. POPE, Leicester
Dr. H. JONES ROBERTS, Penygroes
Dr. J. MAXWELL ROSS, Dumfries
Dr. CECIL E SHAW, Belfast
Dr. LAURISTON E. SHAW, London
Lieut.-Col. R. J. S. SIMPSON, C.M.G., London (Natal, Griqualand West Branches)
Dr. HENRY SMURTHWAITE, Newcastle-on-Tyne
Mr. W. D. SPANTON, Hanley
Mr. CHARLES R. STRATON, Salisbury
Mr. JOHN LYNN THOMAS, C.B., Cardiff
Dr. G E. TWYNAM, London (Sydney and New South Wales Branch)
Mr. T. JENNER VERRALL, Brighton
Dr. ARTHUR T. WEAR, Newcastle-on-Tyne
Mr. F. E. A. WEBB, Cambridge
Dr. SINCLAIR WHITE, Sheffield
Mr. D. J. WILLIAMS, Llanelly
Lieutenant-Colonel E. M. WILSON, C.B., C.M.G., Farnborough

Minutes.

The minutes of the October meeting having been printed and circulated were taken as read and signed as correct.

Apologies.

Read letters of apology for non-attendance from the President-elect, Sir James Barr, LL.D., Dr. R. C. Buist, Mr. J. Ward Cousins, Dr. James Craig, Dr. George Edmond, Dr. R. McKenzie Johnston, Dr. H. L. McKisack, Dr. C. G. D. Morier, and Dr. W. J. Tyson.

Dr. Galton.

The CHAIRMAN, on behalf of the Council, cordially welcomed Dr. Galton on his return to the Council after his long illness.

Death of Former Member of Council.

Resolved: That the Council learns with sincere regret of the death of Thomas Michael Dolan, M.D., F.R.C.S.Edin., Representative of the Yorkshire Branch on the Central Council from 1896 to 1902; and would request the Chairman to convey to his family the expression of the sincere sympathy of the Council.

Bristol Royal Infirmary.

The CHAIRMAN reported in reference to the Resolution of the last meeting of Council, supporting the Bath and Bristol Branch in resisting a new Rule of the Bristol Royal Infirmary, that the following votes of thanks had been received:

That the hearty thanks of the Bristol Division be conveyed to the Central Council and the Hospitals Committee of the British Medical Association for their most valuable support in this dispute.

That the thanks of the meeting be accorded to the BRITISH MEDICAL JOURNAL and the *Lancet* for the support which they gave to the local medical profession.

Resolutions also had been received from a meeting of the general practitioners of Bristol and district, thanking the Association and the BRITISH MEDICAL JOURNAL for its support in the dispute.

Medical Treatment of School Children.

The CHAIRMAN reported the following communication from the London County Council, under date December 14th last:

Special Subcommittee on Medical Treatment.

Sir,—Adverting to your letter of the 16th ultimo, I am now directed to inform you that the Education Committee of the

Council have appointed Sir Victor Horsley, the representative of the British Medical Association, a member of the Special Subcommittee constituted to inquire into the whole question of the medical treatment of children attending public elementary schools.

I shall be obliged if you will be so good as to inform Sir Victor Horsley accordingly. The date of the first meeting of the subcommittee will be notified to him in due course, but this date will not be fixed until after Christmas.—I am, etc.,

H. J. MORDAUNT,
Assistant Clerk of the Council.

The Secretary,
British Medical Association.

Stockport Division.

The CHAIRMAN reported that arising out of a question put by Dr. Godson at the last meeting of the Council relative to a matter in dispute in the Stockport Division, he was glad to be able to report that the matter had been brought to a happy conclusion.

British Association.

Read the following communication from the British Association:

Burlington House, Nov. 22nd, 1907.

Dear Sir,—We are in receipt of your letter of yesterday's date, calling our attention to the mischance that our Annual Meeting clashed with the meeting of the British Medical Association this year. We take note of the fact that the British Medical Association endeavours to hold its Annual Meeting during the last week in July. The first week in August is not a good time for us to meet; but it sometimes happens, as in the last two cases, that the towns have found it necessary to recommend that period, chiefly on account of offers of hospitality. I think you may take it that, in future, we shall endeavour to avoid the Bank Holiday week in August, and to meet, as next year at Dublin, in the first week of September.—I am, etc.,

A. SILVA WHITE, Assistant Secretary.

Guy Elliston, Esq.

Yorkshire Branch.

The following communication from the Yorkshire Branch was referred to the Organization Committee:

Bradford, November 7th, 1907.

Dear Mr. Owen,—At a meeting of the Yorkshire Branch held at Sheffield yesterday, when sixty-three members were present, the following resolution was passed with only three dissentients. I was asked to forward a copy of the resolution to you.—Yours very truly,

ADOLPH BRONNER, Honorary Secretary.

That this meeting of the Yorkshire Branch of the British Medical Association deprecates the recent attempts to disorganize the constitution of the Council, and strongly protests against the proposals of the Representative Body to deprive the Branches of their right of electing members of the Council. Further, this Branch considers that the Branches have done important and progressive work in the Association, and that no adequate reason has been given for making the radical changes proposed.

Southern Branch.

The following resolution from the Southern Branch was referred to the Medico-Political Committee:

The Council of the Southern Branch would urge upon the Central Council the desirability of inquiring into the whole question of medical law—into the practice of the medical profession by unqualified pretenders, and into the traffic in quack medicines and apparatus. The Branch Council believes that the exposure which would result would show that reform is called for, not so much for the advantage of the medical profession as for the protection of the public; that the attention of the Legislature would be called to the question, and would lead to the speedy construction of laws for the abatement of existing evils.

St. Pancras and Islington Division.

The following communication, dated November 2nd, 1907, from the St. Pancras and Islington Division, was referred to the Chairmen of the Ethical and Medico-Political Committees:

Dear Sir,—I am instructed by my Division to send to the Council of the Association the following resolution, carried unanimously at a meeting of this Division on November 1st:

That this Division desires to draw the attention of the Council to the fact that the reports of the Medico-Political and Ethical Committees for the last year were not distributed in time to enable the Divisions to consider them before the Annual Representative Meeting, and that this Division earnestly hopes that in future the Council will arrange to distribute the reports of all standing committees in time to enable the Divisions to instruct their Representatives concerning them before the Annual Representative Meeting.

WILLIAM GRIFFITH, Honorary Secretary.

The General Secretary.

Dental Surgery Section.

Moved by Mr. ANDREW CLARK, seconded by Dr COLLIER, and

Resolved: That there be a Dental Surgery Section held in connexion with the Sheffield Meeting.

Resolved: That the following be nominated officers of the Section: *President*, Mr. Frank Harrison, M.R.C.S., L.D.S., Sheffield. *Vice-Presidents*, Mr. A. S. Underwood, M.R.C.S., L.D.S., London; Mr. J. H. Gibbs, F.R.C.S., L.D.S., Edinburgh. *Secretaries*, Mr. H. Watson Turner, M.R.C.S., L.D.S., London; Mr. Ralph Lamb, M.R.C.S., L.D.S., Liverpool.

Royal Sanitary Institute.

Considered communication from the Royal Sanitary Institute asking the Council to appoint delegates to their Conference to be held in Cardiff, July 13th to 18th, 1908.

Moved by the CHAIRMAN OF REPRESENTATIVE MEETINGS, seconded by Mr. HUGH KER, and

Resolved: That it be referred to the Chairman of Council and the Chairman of the Public Health Committee to nominate delegates, and that Members of Council who may be willing to act be requested to send their names to the General Secretary for the purpose.

Candidates for Membership of the Association.

The fourteen candidates whose names appeared on the circular convening the meeting were elected members of the British Medical Association.

Buda-Pesth Congress.

Resolved: That Mr. O. H. Fowler, Cirencester, Dr. F. J. McCann, London, and Mr. J. Lynn Thomas, C.B., Cardiff, be appointed delegates of the Association to the Sixteenth International Medical Congress to be held at Buda-Pesth, August 29th to September 4th, 1909.

Journal and Finance Committee.

Moved by the TREASURER, seconded by Dr. EDGAR BARNES, and

Resolved: That the accounts for the quarter ending December 31st last, amounting to £18,074 15s. 10d., be received and approved, and the Treasurer be empowered to pay those remaining unpaid, amounting to £3,240 1s. 9d.

Moved by the TREASURER, seconded by Dr. EDGAR BARNES, and

Resolved: That the General Secretary be instructed to communicate with the Council of the Incorporated Society of Medical Officers of Health, and express regret that any article published in the BRITISH MEDICAL JOURNAL has been interpreted by them as seriously reflecting upon the efficiency and public spirit of medical officers of health.

The Lancet.

Resolved: That the Council, recognizing the injury done to the public by the uncontrolled sale of secret remedies, desires to place on record its entire sympathy with the proprietors of the *Lancet* on the result of the recent action, Tucker *v.* Wakley.

Organization Committee.

Resolved: That a supplementary grant of £150 be voted to assist the work of the Contract Practice Committee of the South Wales and Monmouthshire Branch, in accordance with By-law 18.

Moved by Mr. ANDREW CLARK, seconded by Mr. HUGH KER, and

Resolved: That it be reported to the Metropolitan Counties Branch that the proposal of the Branch as to the taking effect of resignations would involve an alteration of the articles of association, and, even if the articles were so altered, could not be carried out in all districts.

Resolved: That the General Secretary be instructed immediately upon receipt of an intimation of resignation of membership to notify the Honorary Secretary of the Division and Branch to which the member belongs.

Resolved: That the votes reported by the Divisions as having been given at their meetings in connexion with the Referendum be counted on March 2nd.

Resolved: That the Chairman of Council be authorized to communicate to the Organization Committee as soon as ascertained the result of the voting in connexion with the Referendum.

With reference to the two foregoing resolutions, the CHAIRMAN undertook to authorize the publication in the JOURNAL of the numbers voting "For" and "Against" the Referendum.

Resolved: That each Colonial Division which has an Honorary Secretary and necessary organization be provisionally granted separate representation in Representative Meetings for the year 1908–9:

Resolved: That the Colonial Branches be provisionally grouped for representation on the Council for the year 1908–9 in the same manner as for the year 1907–8, subject to recognition of the right of each Branch, or group of Branches, having at least 400 members, to elect two Members of Council.

Resolved: That the Council authorize the Organization Committee finally to determine the grouping of the Colonial Divisions and Branches for representative purposes as soon as possible after allowing a reasonable interval for the receipt of replies from those Divisions and Branches to which the Committee has addressed inquiries on the subject.

Moved by Mr. ANDREW CLARK, seconded by Mr. VERRALL, and

Resolved: That, subject to the verbal amendments indicated by the Chairman of the Organization Committee, the Rules submitted by the Cape of Good Hope, Eastern Province, Branch, be approved, with the exception of Rule 4, paragraph (8), as to proxy voting.

Moved by Mr. ANDREW CLARK, seconded by Mr. VERRALL, and

Resolved: That the Council approve the rules submitted by the Cape of Good Hope, Border Branch, subject to verbal amendments.

Resolved: That the Council instruct the Organization Committee to prepare for the consideration of the Council such amendments of By-law 41 as are necessary to give effect to the proposals of the Committee, as well as to the instructions already received by the Committee from the Council.

Science Committee.

Resolved: That a Special Committee be appointed to report on the resolution passed in the Section of Obstetrics and Gynaecology on the early recognition of uterine cancer.

Moved by Dr. CECIL SHAW, seconded by Dr. POPE, and

Resolved: That Dr. F. J. McCann be requested to act as Convener, and the Committee consist of the following:

The President, the Chairman of Representative Meetings, the Chairman of Council, the Treasurer, *ex officio*; Dr. Archibald Donald, Manchester; Dr. Ranken Lyle, Newcastle-on-Tyne; Dr F. J. McCann, London; Dr. W. A. Milligan, London; Mrs. Mary Scharlieb, London; Dr. Thomas Wilson, Birmingham; Dr. R C. Buist, Scotland; and Dr. Hastings Tweedy, Ireland.

Resolved: That the Stewart Prize for 1908 be awarded at the forthcoming meeting at Sheffield.

Resolved: That the Middlemore Prize be awarded to the President-elect, Mr. Simeon Snell, F.R C.S.Edin., for his contributions to the Science of Ophthalmology, at the forthcoming meeting at Sheffield.

Irish Committee.

Resolved: That the Local Government Board for Ireland be asked whether any steps are being taken to obtain powers to make compulsory a satisfactory scale of salaries for Poor-law Medical Officers in Ireland where Poor-law Unions have failed or refused to adopt a scale.

Resolved: That a letter and memorandum of points to be included in the Irish Public Health Bill be forwarded to the Irish Divisions and Branches.

Public Health Committee.

Moved by Mr. PARKINSON, seconded by Mr. STRATON and

Resolved: That, with respect to the following resolution of the Section of State Medicine, referred by the Council to the Public Health Committee for consideration and report, namely:

That the attention of the Local Government Board be drawn to the inadequacy of the minimum fee laid down in the Vaccination Order of 1907; moreover, that it is desirable that all expenses connected with the carrying out of the Vaccination Acts should be borne by the Imperial Exchequer.

it be represented to the Local Government Board that the minimum fee has been adopted in many districts in which it is, having regard to the local circumstances, inadequate, and also that the expenses of vaccination should be borne by the Imperial Exchequer.

Medico-Political Committee.

Moved by the CHAIRMAN OF REPRESENTATIVE MEETINGS, seconded by Dr. HASLIP, and

Resolved: That the Medico-Political Committee be authorized to prepare evidence to lay before the proposed Departmental Committee of the Home Office as to the treatment of inebriety and narcomania, the preparation of evidence to include analyses of drugs used in the treatment of inebriety, and that the Committee be authorized to incur the necessary expenditure.

Moved by the TREASURER, seconded by the CHAIRMAN OF REPRESENTATIVE MEETINGS, and

Resolved: That with reference to the preparation of evidence and the analysis of drugs in the treatment of inebriety and narcomania, the Medico-Political Committee be authorized to incur expenditure not exceeding £25 for analyses, and not exceeding £25 for tabulating evidence, with authority to the Chairman of Council and Treasurer to sanction additional expenditure not exceeding £25 if in their judgement necessary.

Moved by the CHAIRMAN OF REPRESENTATIVE MEETINGS, seconded by Mr. FRANKLIN, and

Resolved: That the Medico-Political Committee be authorized to incur special expenditure, if necessary, for analysing information, to be collected through the Divisions, as to the cause of the increase of inebriety and narcomania among women, such expenditure not to exceed £10.

Resolved: That the Council authorize the Irish Committee to instruct legal advisers to attend an inquiry or inquiries by the Inspectors of the Irish Local Government Board, in reference to the conduct of medical officers, and to report to the Committee upon the procedure in such cases, such report to be subsequently furnished to the Medico-Political Committee, and that the cost of such inquiry be limited to twenty guineas, except with the consent of the Treasurer.

Moved by the CHAIRMAN OF REPRESENTATIVE MEETINGS, seconded by Dr. POPE, and

Resolved: That, with respect to the employment of Honorary Medical Referees by the National Association for the Establishment of Sanatoria for Workers suffering from Tuberculosis, the Council expresses the following opinions, namely:

(*a*) That the appointment of any special medical referees is unnecessary.

(*b*) That the requirements of the case could best be met by drawing up suitable forms of certificate for signature by the ordinary medical attendants of the patients whose admission to the sanatorium is proposed, with provision for taking a second opinion in cases of need at the discretion of the medical attendant; the fee of the person called in to be paid by the Sanatorium Association, and such fee to be 1 guinea.

(*c*) That medical referees, if appointed, should be paid.

In reference to the following minute of the Medico-Political Committee:

Resolved: That the Council of the Glasgow Branch be requested to make careful inquiry into all the circumstances, and inform the Committee of the result as soon as possible, and that the Joint Committee of the Association and the Ophthalmological Society be requested to consider the matter and report.

An amendment was moved by Dr. Hamilton, seconded by Professor Morrison:

That all the words after "as soon as possible" be deleted.

After discussion, and upon the assurance of the Chairman that he would see that the matter was first remitted to the Glasgow Branch and subsequently considered by the Joint Committee, the amendment was withdrawn.

Dr. Maxwell Ross asked if, by passing the following minute of the Medico-Political Committee, it conveyed the assent of the Council to the same:

Medical Inspection of School Children Subcommittee. Received: Minutes of the Medical Inspection of School Children Subcommittee of November 6th, November 25th, and December 4th, 1907.

The Chairman replied that this minute was only reported, and did not necessarily express the approval of the Council.

Hospitals Committee.

On consideration of the minutes relating to a proposed General Hospital at Putney an amendment was moved by Mr. Hugh Ker, seconded by Dr. Ford Anderson:

That with regard to the minutes, dealing with the question of the proposed General Hospital at Putney, the matter be referred back to the Hospitals Committee, asking them to again confer with the South-West London Hospital Committee.

This was subsequently withdrawn on the Chairman giving Mr. Ker an assurance that the matter could be brought before the Council again.

Ethical Committee.

Moved by Mr. Kinsey, seconded by the Chairman of Representative Meetings, and

Resolved: That the adoption of the model rules of procedure by the Liverpool (Western) Division (Lancashire and Cheshire Branch) be approved.

Resolved: That the adoption of the "Bradford" Rules and Rule "Z" by the Blyth Division (North of England Branch), the Sheffield Division (Yorkshire Branch), and the South-West Wales Division (South Wales and Monmouthshire Branch), be approved.

Resolved: That the adoption by the Manchester (North) Division (Lancashire and Cheshire Branch) of the "Bradford" Rules, as modified by the Division, be approved.

Resolved: That the adoption of the "Bradford" Rules (A), (B), (C), (D), (E), and (H) by the Hartlepools Division (North of England Branch) be approved.

The Council considered and dealt with two cases of members recommended for expulsion.

The Council also considered and dealt with the case of a member who was recommended to be given an opportunity to resign on or before a certain date.

Premises Committee.

Resolved: That the architect be instructed to provide in the new premises an electrically-driven type lift from the composing room to the ground floor.

THE LIBRARY OF THE BRITISH MEDICAL ASSOCIATION.

NOTICE.

Owing to the rebuilding of the Association premises in the Strand the Library is closed, but at the Temporary Offices of the Association, 6, Catherine Street, Strand (adjoining Drury Lane Theatre), a Reading and Writing Room is provided. The Room will be open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., except on Saturdays, when it will be closed at 2 p.m.

UNITED KINGDOM HOSPITALS CONFERENCE.

The following letter has been addressed to Secretaries of Hospitals in Great Britain and Ireland by the Committee of the United Kingdom Hospitals Conference:

February 6th, 1908.

Dear Sir,

Report of Committee.

The Committee appointed by the United Kingdom Hospitals Conference, held in London on December 6th, 1906, submits for the information of the Board of Management of the ..... Hospital:

1. A report of the proceedings of the last Conference.
2. A report of the subsequent proceedings of the Committee appointed by the Conference to give effect to the resolutions there arrived at.
3. A copy of the "Principles" which were before the last Conference, showing also certain amendments suggested by the Committee as the result of its consideration of criticisms by Hospitals of these "Principles" in their original form.
4. Suggestions as to the Agenda for a Conference to be held in March, 1908.

These reports show that, in spite of the differing circumstances in which hospital work is carried on in various localities, it is possible to formulate principles which are applicable to the majority of cases, and there is already proof that the two Conferences which have so far been held have been attended by substantial advantages.

The Committee is, however, of opinion that future Conferences will be attended with greater advantage if a longer time is afforded for discussing the subjects dealt with, and if those attending the Conference are given some opportunity of comparing their separate experiences.

To meet these points it is suggested:

That the next Conference should extend over two days, and

That the representatives should dine together on the first day of the Conference.

The Principles of Hospital Administration, of which the last Conference stated that it welcomed the further consideration, have met with such general acceptance that it is not anticipated that they need occupy any considerable time at the next, and it is suggested that any discussion with regard to them should be confined to those matters which may be made the subject of a definite motion by the representatives of any hospital, and of which formal notice shall have been given in order that such motions may be placed on the agenda.

Suggestions as to the Agenda for the next Conference appear on a separate sheet (document "4"), but the Committee proposes to add to or otherwise revise the programme, as may appear expedient, after having received the various suggestions which the Hospitals may have to make with regard to it.

The Committee will meet again to consider the replies to this letter and to draw up the final Agenda for the Conference, which Agenda will then be circulated to the secretary and representatives of each hospital which indicates its intention of taking part.

We are instructed to ask if you will be good enough to bring the matter to the notice of your Board and to acquaint us as soon as possible:

(*a*) As to whether your Board proposes to appoint a representative or representatives to attend the Conference.

(*b*) As to whether your Board would desire to give notice of any motion arising out of the principles circulated in August, 1906 (see document marked "3").

(*c*) Whether your Board approves of the discussion of any or all of the subjects suggested by the Com-

mittee (see No. "4" herewith), and desires to suggest any other subjects for discussion.

(*d*) Whether your Board desires to make any other suggestions with regard to the arrangements for the next Conference.

The Committee has also to appeal for financial support to meet the necessary clerical and other expenses of its work. It is considered that a subscription of 10s. 6d. from or on behalf of each hospital represented would be sufficient to meet such expenses as can at present be foreseen.

We are,
Yours faithfully,
CHARLES LUPTON, Chairman of Committee.
J. SMITH WHITAKER, Secretary.

PROCEEDINGS OF CONFERENCE, DECEMBER, 1906.

Attendance.

The Conference of December 6th, 1906, was attended by Delegates from 116 Hospitals in England and Wales, 2 in Scotland and 2 in Ireland; 72 General Hospitals, 36 Special Hospitals, and 12 Cottage Hospitals were represented.

Procedure.

The proposals of the Committee, circulated in August, 1906, were considered *en bloc*, but the time at the disposal of the Conference did not permit of detailed discussion.

Decisions.

The following Resolutions were carried:—

(*a*) "That this Conference of representatives and supporters of hospitals, medical practitioners, and others interested in hospital administration in Great Britain and Ireland, welcomes the further consideration of the principles contained in the proposals drawn up by the Joint Hospitals Committee, and circulated to Hospitals in August, 1906."

(*b*) "That it is advisable that an Annual Conference should be held."

(*c*) "That a Committee be appointed, not exceeding fifteen in number, to act in conjunction with the Hospitals Committee of the British Medical Association, with instructions to communicate to all hospitals the resolutions of the present Conference, to arrange for the holding of a Conference in 1907, and in the interval to exhort hospitals and kindred institutions carefully to consider the suggestions laid before this meeting, together with the reports received from the various hospitals."

(*d*) "That the following representatives of hospitals be appointed by the Conference:—
Walter Baily, Esq.
Sir Henry Burdett, K.C.B.
W. G. Carnt, Esq.
Neville Chamberlain, Esq.
A. W. Davis, Esq.
W. A. Dinwiddie, Esq.
Sir Charles Gilman.
The Hon. Sydney Holland.
The Rt. Hon. the Earl of Kilmorey, K.P.
Sir Riley Lord.
Charles Lupton, Esq.
H. Manfield, Esq., M.P.
Herbert W. Mason, Esq.
Col. Montefiore.
A. A. Napper, Esq.,"
to act with the Hospitals Committee of the British Medical Association as stated in resolution (*c*). The present composition of the Committee, including the members of the Hospitals Committee of the British Medical Association, is stated below.

(*e*) "That an appeal be made to hospitals to contribute towards the expenses of carrying on the work."

COMMITTEE.

Charles Lupton, Esq., 34, Albion Street, Leeds (Chairman, General Infirmary, Leeds), *Chairman of the Committee.*

Dr. J. Ford Anderson, 41, Belsize Park, N.W. (Chairman, Medical Charities Committee, Metropolitan Counties Branch, and Member of Central Council, British Medical Association).

Walter Baily, Esq., 4, Rosslyn Hill, N.W. (Vice-Chairman, University College Hospital, W.C.).

Sir Henry Burdett, K.C.B., The Lodge, Porchester Square, W. (Editor of the "Hospital" and "Burdett's Hospitals and Charities").

W. G. Carnt, Esq., Royal Infirmary, Manchester (Secretary, Royal Infirmary, Manchester).

Neville Chamberlain, Esq., Highbury, Moor Green, Birmingham (Governor, General Hospital, Birmingham).

C. F. Cuthbert, Esq., 2, Barton Street, Gloucester (Surg., Gloucester Hospital for Children; Member of Central Council, British Medical Association).

A. W. Davis, Esq., 54, Gray's Inn Road, W.C. (Secretary, Hospital Saturday Fund).

Dr. Henry Davy, Southernhay House, Exeter (Cons. Phys., Exeter Disp.; Phys., Devon and Exeter Hospital; President, British Medical Association).

W. A. Dinwiddie, Esq., J.P., Bridgebank, Dumfries (Chairman, Dumfries-shire and Galloway Royal Infirmary).

Dr. E. L. Fox, 9, Osborne Place, Plymouth (Phys., Royal Eye Infirmary, Plymouth; Phys., South Devon and East Cornwall Hospital, Plymouth).

Dr. A. Godson, Cheadle House, Cheadle (Member of Central Council, British Medical Association).

Dr. James Hamilton, 1, Royal Crescent, Crosshill, Glasgow (Asst. Phys., Victoria Infirmary, Glasgow; Member of Central Council, British Medical Association).

Dr. J. Rogerson Hamilton, Elm House, Hawick, N.B.

The Hon. Sydney Holland, Kneesworth Hall, Royston, Herts (Chairman, London Hospital, E.; Poplar Hospital, E.; and Tilbury Cottage Hospital).

T. Garrett Horder, Esq., M.R.C.S., Windsor Place, Cardiff.

Col. C. H. Joubert de la Ferté, I.M.S. (retd.), The Ferns, Weybridge, Surrey (Member of Central Council, British Medical Association).

The Rt. Hon. The Earl of Kilmorey, K.P., 5, Alford Street, Park Lane, W. (Chairman, Charing Cross Hospital, W.C.).

Sir Riley Lord, Prudential Buildings, Newcastle-on-Tyne (Governor, Newcastle-on-Tyne Infirmary).

Dr. J. A. Macdonald, 19, East Street, Taunton (Phys., Taunton and Somerset Hospital; Chairman of Representative Meetings, British Medical Association).

H. Manfield, Esq., M.P., Moulton Grange, Northampton (Governor, Northampton General Hospital).

Herbert W. Mason, Esq., Manor House, Sproughton, Ipswich (Chairman, East Suffolk and Ipswich Hospital).

Lt.-Col. E. Montefiore, Charity Organisation Society, Denison House, Vauxhall Bridge Road, S.W.

Dr. A. A. Napper, Broad Oak, Cranleigh, Surrey (Surg., Cranleigh Village Hospital).

Edmund Owen, Esq., LL.D., F.R.C.S. 64, Gt. Cumberland Place, W. (Cons. Surg., St. Mary's Hospital, Paddington, W.; Chairman of Council, British Medical Association).

Dr. Frank M. Pope, 4, Prebend Street, Leicester (Phys., Leicester Infirmary; Chairman, Hospitals Committee, and Member of Central Council, British Medical Association).

Dr. E. Rayner, 19, Tiviot Dale, Stockport (Surgeon, Stockport Infirmary; Treasurer of the British Medical Association).

Dr. Lauriston E. Shaw, 64, Harley Street, W. (Phys., Guy's Hospital, S.E.; Member of Central Council, British Medical Association).

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REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS OF COMMITTEE APPOINTED BY CONFERENCE, 1906, TO GIVE EFFECT TO ITS RESOLUTIONS.

The instructions of the Conference involved, essentially, two references to the Committee appointed by that Conference, namely, first, to secure the further consideration by Hospitals generally of the proposals laid before the Conference, in conjunction with the information derived from the replies of Hospitals in reference thereto; and, secondly, to make arrangements for the next Conference.

ANALYSIS OF REPLIES OF HOSPITALS AS TO "PROPOSALS" PLACED BEFORE LAST CONFERENCE.

For the purpose of giving effect to the first of these references the Committee has caused the opinions expressed in reference to the proposals that were laid before the last Conference to be carefully analysed and reports the result of the analysis as follows:—

NUMBER OF REPLIES RECEIVED.

Of the **810** Hospitals in the United Kingdom communicated with, **238** Hospitals have forwarded in reply statements of their views upon some or all of the matters submitted for their consideration. Among those so replying are a majority of the principal General Hospitals in London, and in England and Wales generally. Replies have been received also from **54** Special Hospitals in England and Wales.

In Scotland, of **64** Hospitals, **17** replied.

From Ireland the replies were very few, as the connection of the majority of Hospitals in that country with the Poor-Law Administration differentiates their circumstances essentially from those prevailing in Great Britain.

Of **218** Cottage Hospitals addressed, **69** have expressed their opinions on the proposals especially affecting them.

SUMMARY OF OPINIONS EXPRESSED.

General Hospital Administration.

With regard to the 19 Principles of Hospital Administration (*see* Document "3"), the Committee is glad to be able to report that the replies show general agreement among Hospitals with all except Nos. 2, 9, 12, and 15.

Concerning proposal No. 2, as to *Subscribers' Letters*, there appears to be a general disposition to cease making subscribers' letters compulsory, but the majority of provincial Hospitals are averse from discontinuing entirely the issue of such letters.

With reference to No. 9, as to *Limitation of Work of Medical Officers*, there is agreement in principle, but Hospitals do not appear to see their way to carry it out.

Concerning Nos. 12 and 15, as to *Co-operation of Hospitals*, and *Reference elsewhere of Unsuitable Cases*, respectively, the Committee considers that the difficulties indicated can be overcome by modifications of wording.

Cottage Hospitals.

In the proposals as to Cottage Hospitals the Committee also finds general concurrence among those which have replied, such dissent as exists chiefly affecting proposal No. 4, as to *Certificate of Suitability for Admission.*

Public Nursing Homes.

Little interest seems to have been taken in the proposals as to Self-Supporting Public Nursing Homes, and the matter is apparently not ripe for general action.

MODIFICATIONS PROPOSED.

Upon consideration of the general opinions indicated in the foregoing statement the Committee has thought it well, in again submitting the proposals for the consideration of Hospitals, to modify the wording of paragraphs 12 and 15 as shown in the accompanying print (Document "3"), and would add the following explanatory statement:—

Subscribers' Letters.

With regard to Principle 2, as to which, as mentioned in the Report, there has been the greatest measure of disagreement, the Committee desires to suggest for the consideration of those Hospitals which are not prepared to give up the system of Subscribers' Letters that it is highly desirable that the wording of the form of Subscriber's Letter or Certificate used should be such as to secure the object of excluding unsuitable cases. Copies of forms which have been especially adopted by certain Hospitals with this object are in the possession of the Committee, and will be forwarded for the assistance of any Hospital which may desire to revise the wording of its present letters or certificates.

Importance of Uniform Regulations.

Whereas the conditions of Hospitals differ so widely in different places, the information in the possession of the Committee shows clearly the importance of the adoption of uniform regulations by those Hospitals which carry on their work in the same district, and Principle 12 has been modified in wording with the object of making this suggestion clear.

FURTHER DUTIES OF THE COMMITTEE WITH RESPECT TO THE "PROPOSALS."

Part of the duty of the Committee under its instruction is to endeavour to remove difficulties which may be experienced by individual Boards of Management of Hospitals in applying the principles generally agreed upon to their local circumstances.

Many valuable suggestions, based on actual experience, are contained in the information now in the possession of the Committee, derived from the replies of Hospitals, and the Committee will be glad to put this information at the disposal of Hospitals which may desire it.

The Committee will also be glad to receive, at the convenience of the Board of any Hospital, notes of any expression of opinion at which the Board may arrive, as the result of further consideration of the subject, and to answer any inquiries.

January, 1908.

HOSPITAL REFORM.

PROPOSALS AS TO THE ADMINISTRATION AND MANAGEMENT OF HOSPITALS AND KINDRED INSTITUTIONS, DRAWN UP IN 1906 BY A JOINT MEDICAL AND NON-MEDICAL COMMITTEE, WITH A NOTE AND PROPOSED AMENDMENTS BY THE COMMITTEE APPOINTED BY THE UNITED KINGDOM HOSPITALS CONFERENCE OF DECEMBER, 1906.

I.—SUGGESTED MODEL PRINCIPLES OF HOSPITAL MANAGEMENT.

1. *Suitability of Patients for Admission.*—That inability to pay for adequate treatment shall be the consideration for the admission of all patients for hospital treatment. This shall not apply to Poor-law cases.

2. *Subscribers' Letters.*—That the production of subscribers' letters shall cease to be compulsory, and that, where possible, the system shall be abolished.

(**NOTE.**—*Though the first part of this Principle is generally approved, many Hospitals consider the abolition of Subscribers' Letters impracticable, having regard to local*

conditions. Where this is the case the Committee recommends that the wording of such Letters should be revised so as to secure the object of facilitating the exclusion of unsuitable cases.)

3. *Investigations as to Suitability.*—That some means of investigation into the circumstances of the applicants for relief, by means of an almoner or other agent, shall be employed in all medical charities.

4. *Recommendations* 1, 2, 3, *to apply to all Patients.*—That the foregoing recommendations apply to both in-patients and out-patients.

5. *Evidence of Suitability.*—That except in emergencies, sufficient evidence shall be obtained on two points: (*a*) That the patient is not in a position to pay for adequate treatment; (*b*) that the case is, from a hospital point of view, suitable for treatment.

6. *Urgent Cases.*—That all cases of serious accident and severe sudden illness shall be attended to on their first application, and, if deemed eligible for further treatment, shall be referred to the appropriate department of the hospital, but, if ineligible, shall then be referred for treatment elsewhere.

7. *Trivial Cases.*—That all cases of trivial accident or illness deemed ineligible for the casualty department shall, after having been seen, be referred for treatment elsewhere.

8. *Medical Inspection of all cases.*—That, on the first visit, no patient be permitted to leave a hospital without having been seen by a registered medical practitioner.

9. *Limitation of Work of Medical Officers.*—That, where possible, the number of new cases to be seen on any one day by an honorary medical officer shall be limited.

10. *Scope of Special Hospitals.*—That special hospitals shall treat only those cases that come strictly within the scope of their work.

11. *Age limit for Retirement.*—That in all hospitals there shall be an age limit for the retirement of the medical officers.

12. *Co-operation of Hospitals.*—That no scheme for the reform of out-patient departments can be successful without co-operation and co-ordination between hospitals themselves, especially those which operate in the same area.

(**Amendment.**—"*That hospitals operating in the same area should confer with the object of securing approximately uniform regulations for the prevention of abuse.*")

13. *Pay Wards.*—That there is no objection to pay wards being connected with voluntary hospitals, provided that they are open to every member of the medical profession, who shall be paid any fee to be arranged by him and his patient.

14. *Scope of Out-patient Departments.*—That consultations shall, as far as possible, be encouraged in out-patient departments.

15. *Reference elsewhere of Unsuitable Cases.*—That all cases shall be seen by an almoner, and those not suitable for hospital treatment shall be referred in general terms to a medical practitioner, to a public medical service,* an approved provident dispensary, or to the relieving officer under the Poor Law.

(**Amendment.**—*That the words "shall be seen by an almoner, and those" be deleted, the Principle to read accordingly:—*

"*That all cases not suitable for hospital treatment shall be referred in general terms to a medical practitioner, to a public medical service, an approved provident dispensary, or to the relieving officer under the Poor Law.*")

16. *Co-ordination of Hospitals with Public Medical Services and Provident Dispensaries.*—That there shall be a system of co-ordination between hospitals, on the one hand, and public medical services and provident dispensaries on the other, so that the hospitals shall refer to the public medical services and provident dispensaries cases unsuitable for hospital treatment (see paragraph 15 foregoing), and the public medical services and provident dispensaries shall refer to the hospitals cases for consultation, as well as those requiring hospital treatment and nursing, or specially suitable for purposes of clinical instruction.

17. *Notices to Facilitate Co-operation.*—That notices be posted in out-patient and casualty departments of hospitals calling attention to public medical services or approved provident dispensaries in the neighbourhood.

18. *Reference of Cases for Special Advice.*—That a member of a public medical service or provident dispensary, or other patient referred to a hospital for consultation, with a private note or personally, by a general practitioner in attendance, should be referred back to such medical attendant with a statement of the opinion of the hospital physician or surgeon on the condition of the patient.

19. *Relation of Hospitals to the Poor-law Medical Service.*—That cases of obvious destitution, or cases already in receipt of Poor-law relief, shall, after they have been once seen in the casualty or out-patient department, be referred to the Poor-law relieving officer, unless they should be retained for hospital treatment, and Poor-law patients may be referred to hospitals for consultation, as in the case of public medical service and provident dispensary patients. In these cases payment might be required from the Poor-law Guardians if deemed advisable.

II.—COTTAGE HOSPITALS.

1. *Medical Attendance.*—That, as far as possible, every patient in a cottage hospital have the right to be attended by his usual medical attendant.

2. *Scope of Cottage Hospitals.*—That, except in cases of emergency, cottage hospitals be only open to those who are unable to secure adequate treatment at home.

3. *Contributions by Patients.*—That all persons admitted to cottage hospitals contribute, where possible, towards their maintenance.

4. *Certificate of Suitability for Admission.*—That a certificate signed by a medical practitioner within the area be a sufficient recommendation for admission.

III. SELF-SUPPORTING PUBLIC NURSING HOMES.

1. *Definition and Desirability.*—That it is desirable that self-supporting public nursing homes should be established for patients who, being ineligible for the voluntary hospitals, are yet unable to pay the customary professional fees as well as the charges usually made in private nursing homes.

2. *Management.*—That the management should be vested in a committee on which the medical profession is adequately represented.

3. *Certificates of Suitability for Admission.*—That no patient should be admitted without first producing a certificate of suitability for admission from a medical practitioner, who should whenever possible be the patient's usual medical attendant. If the signatory be not the patient's usual medical attendant, an explanation of the fact should be appended to the certificate.

4. *Choice of Medical Attendant.*—That it shall be open to a patient to select any registered medical practitioner as his attendant.

5. *Assistance to Patients unable to Pay Entire Cost.*—That when the payment made by a patient is insufficient to cover the entire cost of maintenance, or when any question arises as to reduction or remission of fees for professional services, a statement of the financial circumstances necessitating such consideration shall be signed by the patient or near relative, countersigned by the usual medical attendant or some other responsible householder, and submitted to the Committee.

January, 1908.

UNITED KINGDOM HOSPITALS CONFERENCE, 1908.

PROVISIONAL AGENDA.

(In Addition to further Consideration, so far as required, of "Proposals" Considered at last Conference.)

(*a*) What provision should hospitals make with regard to cases of accident which are provided for under the Workmen's Compensation Act, 1906?

(*b*) Methods of co-operation by hospitals with provident dispensaries and analogous institutions.

* The term "public medical service" has been applied in certain districts to organizations for providing medical attendance and medicine for certain sections of the community, in which the service is under the entire control of the medical profession. In other districts services of exactly the same general type have been established under the title of "provident medical associations"; but the generic designation of "public medical service" is preferable, as avoiding confusion with organizations under non-medical control.

(c) The operations of the "League of Mercy" as affecting the funds of provincial hospitals.

(d) Whether the system of uniform accounts, as recommended by the King's Fund, should be used by all provincial hospitals.

(e) Whether all hospital patients who can afford it should be compelled to pay for food and medicines supplied to them.

(f) Pay wards.

(g) The mode of election of honorary staffs of hospitals.

Meetings of Branches & Divisions.

[*The proceedings of the Divisions and Branches of the Association relating to Scientific and Clinical Medicine, when reported by the Honorary Secretaries, are published in the body of the* JOURNAL.]

BATH AND BRISTOL BRANCH.

A CLINICAL evening was held in the Medical School, University College, Bristol, on January 29th. There was a large collection of medical cases of interest shown by Dr. J. MICHELL CLARKE, Dr. D. A. ALEXANDER, Dr. J. M. FORTESCUE-BRICKDALE, Dr. J. O. SYMES, Dr. J. A. NIXON, Dr. CHARLES, Dr. CAREY COOMBS, Dr. GEORGE PARKER, Dr. BERTRAM ROGERS, and Dr. NEWMAN NEILD. Surgical cases of interest were shown by Mr. T. CARWARDINE, Mr. R. G. P. LANSDOWN, and Mr. E. W. HEY GROVES. Dr. J. A. NIXON and Dr. KENNETH WILLS showed rare skin cases. Dr. J. A. NIXON and Mr. C. H. WALKER showed eye cases. Mr. J. ELLINGTON JONES showed a large number of skiagrams.

METROPOLITAN COUNTIES BRANCH:

EALING DIVISION.

THE fourth sessional meeting of this Division was held on Tuesday, February 4th, Dr. RUCK in the chair.

The late Dr. A. L. Scott.—The CHAIRMAN referred to the sudden and sad death of the Chairman of the Division, Dr. A. L. Scott, who leaves a widow and six children. Dr. LYLE followed, and it was resolved to write a letter of condolence to Mrs. Scott. A memorial fund having been inaugurated by lay friends, members are invited to associate themselves with it.

Profuse Lochia.—Dr. W. S. A. GRIFFITH read a paper of great practical interest on the importance of profuse lochia as a sign of imperfect involution of the uterus. Lochia might be a true or a deceptive index. Lochia should not last into the third week. After three to four days blood should cease to be an essential part, and after other three to four days should cease to stain the mucus. The two conditions which maintained excess were: (1) Retained pieces of membrane or placenta; (2) the continuance of a cavity instead of the walls of the uterus coming into apposition. Dr. Griffith classed excessive lochia under three heads—slight, moderate, and severe. He gave directions for recognition of the shrinking of the uterus and of any tenderness of it, either local or general, and showed that the treatment practically resolved itself into: (1) Ensuring complete evacuation of bladder and rectum; (2) washing out the uterus with a douche of some non-mercurial antiseptic at a temperature of about 117° F., and if that failed, then (3) exploration of the uterus, preferably with a finger, the curette being reserved for very special cases. He pointed out that irrigation of the uterus could be effectively carried out without the patient knowing that more than a simple vaginal douche was being administered. He urged the early use of the douche in the so-called "slight" cases of excessive lochia, for if shrinking of the uterus were not secured in the first ten days, later treatment was of much less value, and because these "slight" cases so very often led to chronic subinvolution and retroversion of the uterus with menorrhagia. Dr. Griffith expressed his disbelief in ergot in these cases, in that its use was only to increase, not to initiate, contractions. A discussion followed, and a cordial vote of thanks to Dr. Griffith closed the proceedings.

LAMBETH DIVISION.

A MEETING of the Lambeth Division was held in the Lambeth Infirmary, Brook Street, S.E., on Friday, January 24th, at 4 p.m. Dr. MAURICE CRAIG, President of the Division, was in the chair.

Election of Representative of Division.—Dr. W. ALEXANDER ATKINSON was elected Representative of the Division upon the South London Hospitals Committee, vice Dr. W. H. B. Stoddart, who resigned.

Notification of Births Act.—The Executive Committee reported that a deputation from the Division had been courteously received by the Camberwell Borough Council on January 7th. The deputation urged that the Notification of Births Act should not be adopted in its present form by that borough, Dr. Esler being their spokesman. No official information was yet available as to what action the Camberwell Council would decide to take, but there was some reason to hope that the objects of the deputation had been attained. Similar action was being taken in regard to Southwark and to Lambeth.

Address.—Dr. HERBERT L. EASON delivered an address upon the Differential Diagnosis and Treatment of the Commoner Inflammations of the Eye. He restricted his remarks chiefly to the various forms of conjunctivitis, iritis, and glaucoma, and illustrated them by diagrams, charts, and coloured pictures. It was an excellent and helpful address.

Visit to Infirmary Wards.—The wards of the Lambeth Infirmary, and cases of special interest in them, were visited by kind permission of the Medical Superintendent, Dr. Quarry, and the meeting adjourned at 6 p.m.

ST. PANCRAS AND ISLINGTON DIVISION.

DR. W. WYNN WESTCOTT, J.P., presided at a meeting of this Division on February 4th at the Great Northern Central Hospital.

List of Members of Association.—It was moved by Dr. BUCKELL and resolved unanimously that the following resolution be submitted to the Representative Meeting at Sheffield on behalf of this Division:

> That it be an instruction to the Council of the Association to publish the annual list of members of the Association (By-law 6) in such a way that a copy may be obtainable by every member who desires to possess the same.

Medical Inspection of School Children.—The questions concerning the medical inspection of school children submitted to the Division by the Branch Council were considered. The proposal that the Branch Council should act for all Divisions within the area of the London County Council was approved. It was agreed that home inspection should not be carried out, that every registered medical practitioner should be eligible for the posts of medical inspectors, that school surgeries should not be formed, and that the holders of the posts should have security of tenure. The recommendations of the Central Council were approved. On the other points the Division was of opinion that it was not as yet in possession of sufficient data to come to definite conclusions.

Sudden Deaths.—The CHAIRMAN read a paper on sudden deaths, many of the members present taking part in the discussion which followed. Dr. Wynn Westcott was cordially thanked for his very interesting contribution, and the Secretary was directed to send the paper to the JOURNAL for publication.

STRATFORD DIVISION.

A SPECIAL meeting of the Division was held on Thursday, January 30th, at the Alexandra Hotel, High Street, Stratford, Dr. SPURRELL presiding.

Medical Inspection of Schools.—The meeting was convened to consider the memorandum of the Council of the Metropolitan Branch submitted to its Divisions on the medical inspection of school children, and the following were the findings of the meeting:

A. That the Branch Council act for that part of the Division within the area of the L.C.C., but do not act for that part of the Division within the area of the Borough of West Ham; that the areas of East Ham and Barking, etc., be left in the hands of the Branch Council.

B. Postponed. Considered that home inspection be left till school inspection be thoroughly organized.

C. As a result of resolution B, C falls to the ground.
D. No answer at present *re* 5 (*a*) or 5 (*b*).
E. 6 (*c*). Approved. It was not considered undesirable that the medical inspector should practise in the area in which he inspects if he confines his work to inspection within the schools and does not carry out treatment.
F. Qualifications not considered essential.
G. Postponed.
H. No finding.
I. Left to the discretion of the medical inspector.
J. Not at present.
K. In all cases children should be referred to their own medical attendant.
L. That the medical inspectors be not the medical officers of health, but that it be in the power of the M.O.H. to undertake inspection if he so wishes. No salary for specialists was decided upon.
M. Yes. Suggested that medical inspectors should attend a course of instruction in the subjects for which they inspect.
N. Security of tenure was approved of.
O. No further suggestions were made.

Association Notices.

BRANCH AND DIVISION MEETINGS TO BE HELD.

EDINBURGH BRANCH.—The annual winter meeting will be held in the Royal Infirmary on Friday, February 21st. Members of the different Scottish Branches are cordially invited. The clinical meeting will take place at 4 o'clock. Dinner in the Royal British Hotel, Princes Street, at 6.30 p.m. (morning dress).—A. LOGAN TURNER, M.D., and FRANCIS D. BOYD, M.D., Honorary Secretaries.

GLOUCESTERSHIRE BRANCH.—A general meeting of the Branch will be held at the General Hospital, Cheltenham, on Thursday, February 20th, 1908 at 7 p.m. There will be a supper afterwards at the Cosy Corner, Promenade. Tickets 3s. 6d. each, exclusive of wine. Agenda:—Papers—Dr. Collins: 1 Microscopical specimens—(*a*) Cammidge's reaction in pancreatic disease; (*b*) *Spirochaeta pallida* from a hard chancre; (*c*) Meningococcus of cerebro-spinal fever (*Diplococcus intracellularis meningitidis* of Weichselbaum); (*d*) Malarial parasite. 2. Dr. H. Bramwell: Pathological specimens—(*a*) Tumour of kidney; (*b*) Chronic ulcer of stomach. 3 Dr. Wilfred Glegg: Remarks on sources, symptoms, and diagnosis in cases of purulent nasal discharge. 4. Mr. G. Arthur Cardew: Two cases of tetanus. The Secretary will be pleased to hear from any member who will show cases or pathological specimens at future meetings during this session. —D. E. FINLAY, Honorary Secretary.

LANCASHIRE AND CHESHIRE BRANCH: ALTRINCHAM DIVISION.—A general meeting will be held at 5 p.m. on Thursday, February 20th, at the Brooklands Hotel, Sale, when, in addition to the usual business, a paper will be read on puerperal fever by Dr. Knyvett Gordon, Resident Medical Superintendent of the Monsall Hospital, Manchester. Dinner will follow at 7 p.m. for those who give notice to the Honorary Secretary beforehand.—T. W. H. GARSTANG, Honorary Secretary.

LANCASHIRE AND CHESHIRE BRANCH: LEIGH DIVISION.—A meeting of the members of the Division will be held at the Co-operative Rooms, Ellesmere Street, on Thursday, February 20th, at 8 30 p.m.—J. SACKVILLE MARTIN, M.D., Honorary Secretary.

LEINSTER BRANCH.—The annual meeting of the Branch will be held in the Royal College of Physicians, Kildare Street, Dublin, on Saturday, February 29th, at 4.30 p.m.—ARTHUR H. WHITE, Honorary Secretary.

METROPOLITAN COUNTIES BRANCH: LAMBETH DIVISION.—The next meeting of the Division will be held on Thursday, February 27th, at 4 p.m., in the Court Room at Guy's Hospital. A paper will be read by A. E. Boycott, M.D., upon the intestinal parasites of man; illustrated cases and pathological specimens will be exhibited by members of the staff of Guy's Hospital.—HERBERT FRENCH Honorary Secretary.

METROPOLITAN COUNTIES BRANCH: WANDSWORTH DIVISION.—A meeting (medico-political) will be held at 27, St. John's Hill, S.W., on Thursday, February 27th, at 8.45 p.m.—C. J. MARTIN, Honorary Secretary.

METROPOLITAN COUNTIES BRANCH: WESTMINSTER DIVISION. —The next ordinary meeting of the Division will be held on Thursday, March 19th (not on February 20th as previously announced), at 5 p m., at St. James's Vestry Hall, Piccadilly (First Floor). Special business: The question of medical inspection of school children. R. H. Jocelyn Swan, M.S., F R C.S, will read a paper on Some Points in the Diagnosis of Urinary Diseases, illustrated by models.—HARVEY HILLIARD, Honorary Secretary.

NORTH WALES BRANCH: SOUTH CARNARVON AND MERIONETH DIVISION.—A meeting of the Division will be held at the George Hotel, Criccieth, on Thursday, February 20th, at 2 p.m. —HENRY GLADSTONE JONES, Honorary Secretary, Plas Gwilym, Criccieth.

STAFFORDSHIRE BRANCH —The second general meeting of the session will be held at the North-Western Hotel, Stafford, on Thursday, February 27th. The President will take the chair at 5.15 p m. Business: (1) Minutes of the last ordinary general meeting. (2) Correspondence. (3) Exhibition of living cases. (4) Paper—Dr. Ernest Mackenzie: The Midwives Act in reference to 1910. (5) Paper—Dr. Geoghegan: Notes of a Case of Lichen Ruber Planus and Pellosis Rheumatica. (6) Exhibition of pathological specimens, etc. Dinner at 7.15 p.m.; charge 5s. Gentlemen wishing to be present at the dinner are requested to intimate their intention not later than Monday, February 24th, to G. PETGRAVE JOHNSON, Honorary General Secretary, Stoke-on-Trent.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND HEREFORDSHIRE BRANCH.—*Alteration of Date of Meeting.*—The date of meeting of this Branch, of which a preliminary notice has been sent to members, is altered to take place from February 13th to February 20th. Members will oblige by taking note of this alteration.—C. S. MORRISON, Honorary Secretary.

ANNUAL MEETING, SHEFFIELD, 1908.

PATHOLOGICAL MUSEUM.

THE following are the members of the Committee:

President: Professor J. M. BEATTIE, M.D.

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The following circular has been sent out by the Subcommittee of the Pathological Museum to gentlemen interested in pathology and likely to help in the organization of a museum:

The Committee appointed to organize the Pathological Museum in connexion with the Annual Meeting in Sheffield, 1908, propose to arrange the material under the following heads:

I. Exhibits bearing on discussions and papers in the various Sections.
II. Specimens and illustrations relating to any recent research work.
III. Instruments relating to clinical diagnosis and pathological investigation.
IV. Individual specimens of special interest, or a series illustrating some special subject.

It is also proposed to make a special effort to gather together a series of exhibits relating to:

(*a*) Diseases of the spleen.
(*b*) Diseases of the heart and vessels.
(*c*) Diseases due to dust, tuberculosis, actinomycosis, syphilis and allied causes.
(*d*) The urinary system.
(*e*) Diseases of the breast.
(*f*) *X* rays and photography.

The Committee wish it to be understood that the above are only suggestions, and if there is any subject in which you are specially interested, and can supply interesting specimens, we shall be glad to hear from you.

The Museum will occupy a central position, and will be easy of access.

The Committee desire to enlist your hearty co-operation, and we shall be glad to hear from you if you are able to make an exhibit. Every care will be taken of specimens, and the contents of the Museum will be insured.

It is hoped that it will be possible for arrangements to be made whereby exhibitors may have an opportunity of demonstrating their specimens.

Yours faithfully,
A. E BARNES,
M. H. PHILLIPS,
Honorary Secretaries.

342, Glossop Road, Sheffield, January, 1908.

Vital Statistics.

HEALTH OF ENGLISH TOWNS.

IN seventy-six of the largest English towns, including London, 9,240 births and 5,692 deaths were registered during the week ending Saturday last, February 8th. The annual rate of mortality in these towns, which had been 20 0, 18.5, and 18 2 per 1,000 respectively in the three preceding weeks, rose again last week to 18.3 per 1,000. The rates in the several towns ranged from 6 2 in Hornsey, 9 9 in Willesden and in Leyton, 10 3 in York, 10 8 in Great Yarmouth, and 10.9 in Barrow-in-Furness. to 23.9 in West Bromwich, 24.4 in South Shields, 24.5 in Stockport, 25 3 in Liverpool, 27.0 in Birkenhead and in Merthyr Tydfil, and 29 8 in Grimsby. In London the rate of mortality was 17.7 per 1,000, while it averaged 18 5 in the seventy-five other large towns The death-rate from the principal infectious diseases averaged 1.4 per 1,000 in the seventy-six towns; in London this death-rate was equal to 1.3 per 1,000, while among the seventy-five other large towns the death-rates from the principal infectious diseases ranged upwards to 3 0 in Birkenhead and in Burnley, 3 6 in South Shields, 3.7 in Warrington, and 5.4 in Salford. Measles caused a death-rate of 1.3 in Preston, 1.4 in South Shields, and 1 5 in Burnley; scarlet fever of 1.5 in Smethwick and 1.6 in Walsall; diphtheria of 1.1 in East Ham and 2.0 in Salford; whooping-cough of 1.8 in South Shields, 1.9 in Burton-on-Trent and in Newcastle-on-Tyne, 2.1 in Sheffield, 2.2 in Birkenhead, 2.5 in Aston Manor, 2.9 in Warrington, and 3.4 in Gateshead; and diarrhoea of 1.3 in Reading. The mortality from "fever" showed no marked excess in any of the large towns, and no fatal case of small-pox was registered during the week. The number of scarlet fever cases under treatment in the Metropolitan Asylums Hospitals and in the London Fever Hospital, which had been 4 325, 4 044, and 3,913 at the end of the three preceding weeks, had further fallen to 3,867 at the end of last week; 433 new cases were admitted during the week, against 469, 380, and 405 in the three preceding weeks.

HEALTH OF SCOTTISH TOWNS.

DURING the week ending Saturday, February 8th, 917 births and 827 deaths were registered in eight of the principal Scottish towns. The annual rate of mortality in these towns, which had been 22.2 and 22.3 per 1,000 in the two preceding weeks, further rose to 23.6 per 1,000 last week, and was 5.2 per 1,000 above the mean rate during the same period in the seventy-six large English towns. Among these Scottish towns the death-rates ranged from 16.3 in Perth and 21 4 in Aberdeen to 27.7 in Paisley and 31 4 in Leith. The death-rate from the principal infectious diseases in these towns averaged 3.7 per 1,000, the highest rates being recorded in Glasgow and Leith. The 380 deaths registered in Glasgow included 55 which were referred to measles, 2 to scarlet fever, 3 to diphtheria, 9 to whooping-cough, 3 to enteric fever, 4 to cerebro-spinal meningitis, and 7 to diarrhoea. Eight fatal cases of whooping-cough were recorded in Edinburgh; 2 of measles, 3 of whooping-cough, 2 of enteric fever, 2 of cerebro-spinal meningitis, and 3 of diarrhoea in Dundee; 2 of whooping-cough and 2 of diarrhoea in Aberdeen; 2 of small-pox, 6 of whooping-cough and 1 of cerebro-spinal meningitis in Leith; 3 of measles and 2 of whooping-cough in Greenock; and 2 of whooping-cough in Perth.

HEALTH OF IRISH TOWNS.

DURING the week ending February 1st, 570 births and 436 deaths were registered in six of the principal Irish towns, as against 476 births and 505 deaths in the preceding period. The annual death-rate in these towns, which had been 25.9, 24.9, and 24.1 per 1,000 in the three preceding weeks, fell to 22.8 per 1,000 in the week under notice, this figure being 4.6 per 1,000 higher than the mean annual rate for the seventy-six English towns for the corresponding period The figures ranged from 17.0 in Londonderry and 22.2 in Belfast to 25.5 in Dublin and 30.1 in Limerick. The zymotic death-rate in the same six Irish towns averaged 1 2 per 1,000, or 1.0 per 1,000 higher than during the preceding period, the highest figures—2 9 and 2.4 - being recorded in Belfast and Londonderry, while Cork and Waterford registered no deaths under this heading. The principal causes of deaths in this class of diseases were again measles and whooping-cough.

Naval and Military Appointments.

ROYAL NAVY MEDICAL SERVICE.

THE following appointments have been made at the Admiralty:—LEONARD H. KELLETT, M D., Deputy Inspector-General, to the Royal Naval Hospital, Chatham, February 17th; OSWALD MILLS, Surgeon, to the *Redbreast*, additional, and on recommissioning undated; RICHARD MILLER, M.B., Fleet Surgeon, to the *President*, additional, temporarily, to be lent to Deptford Yard, February 10th.

ROYAL ARMY MEDICAL COLLEGE.

COLONEL D. WARDROP, M.B., to be Commandant and Director of Studies, vice Lieutenant-Colonel H. E. R. James, R A.M.C., February 4th. Colonel Wardrop was appointed Surgeon, March 6th, 1880; Surgeon-Major, March 6th. 1892; Lieutenant-Colonel, March 6th, 1900; and Colonel, August 14th, 1907. In 1878-9 he served as a Civil Surgeon in the operations against Sekukuni and in the Zulu campaign, receiving the South African medal with clasp. He was also with the Nile expedition in 1898, and was at the battle of Khartoum; he was mentioned in dispatches, and received the Khedive's medal with clasp and the British medal.

ROYAL ARMY MEDICAL CORPS.

THE undermentioned Captains are promoted to be Majors, January 29th: A. H. WARING, W. A. WARD, E. W. W. COCHRANE, M B, A. H. MORRIS, S. A ARCHER, and R. W. CLEMENTS, M.B. The previous commissions of Majors Waring and Ward are dated—Surgeon-Lieutenant, January 29th, 1895; Captain, January 29th, 1899. Those of Majors Cochrane, Morris, Archer, and Clements are dated—Surgeon-Lieutenant, July 29th, 1896; Captain, July 29th, 1899. Major Ward served in Natal during the South African war of 1899-1902, including the actions at Reitfontein and Lombard's Kop and the defence of Ladysmith; he was afterwards in operations in the Transvaal, Orange River Colony and Cape Colony; he was mentioned in dispatches, and received the Queen's medal with four clasps and the King's medal with two clasps. Major Archer was with the Nile Expedition in 1898, receiving the British and Egyptian medals. The other officers cited have no war record in the Army Lists.

The undermentioned Lieutenants are confirmed in that rank: W. K. BEAMAN, G. F. DAWSON, M.B., T. McC. PHILLIPS, M.B., H. V. B. BYATT, H. S. DICKSON, G. PETIT, F. J. STUART, M.B, J. B. HANAFIN, H. GIBSON, W. R. O'FARRELL, J. A. RENSHAW, R. DE V. KING, C. T. CONYNGHAM, M.B., D. B. M'GRIGOR, M.B., R. G. S. GREGG, M.B., W. A. SPONG, M.B., H. W. CARSON, M.B., H. P. HART, M.B., F. T. DOWLING, M.B., R. F. O'T. DICKINSON, H. T. TREVES, A. E. B. JONES, M.D., B. A. ODLUM, A. HENDRY, M.B. Lieutenant Beaman was appointed on probation, January 28th, 1907; all the other officers cited, July 29th, 1907.

The following is the list of successful candidates for commissions in the Royal Army Medical Corps at the recent examination in London, for which 64 candidates entered:

Name.	Medical School.	Qualifications.	Marks.
J. James	King's College	M.B., B.S.Lond., M.R.C.S.Eng, L.R.C.P.Lond.	614
H. H. Blake ..	St. George's Hospital	M.B., B S.Durh.	583
A. C. H. Suhr ...	St. Thomas's Hospital	M.B., Ch.B., B.A. Camb., M.R.C.S. Eng., L.R.C.P.Lond.	577
W. J. Dunn ..	Trinity College, Dublin	M.B., Ch.B., B.A.O.Dub.	576
J. E. Ellcombe	St. Thomas's Hospital	M.R.C.S.Eng., L.R.C.P.Lond.	575
B. Varvill ..	London Hospital	M.R.C.S.Eng., L.R.C.P.Lond.	565
F. B. Dagleish ...	St. Thomas's Hospital	M.R.C.S.Eng., L.R.C.P.Lond.	560
A. G. Wells ...	St. Mary's Hospital	M.R.C.S.Eng., L.R.C.P.Lond.	559
G. J. Keene ...	Liverpool University	M.D., Ch.B., D.P.H., D.T.M.Liverp.	554
F. H. Bradley ...	Edinburgh University	M.B., Ch.B.Edin.	553
R. M. Dickson ...	University College, Dundee	M.B., Ch.B.St. And.	553
F. Worthington .	Glasgow University	B.S., B.A.Camb.	548
C. M. Rigby ..	London Hospital	M.R.C.S.Eng., L.R.C.P.Lond.	545
A. L. Stevenson	Queen's College, Belfast	M.B., Ch.B., B.A.O (R.U.I.)	545
M. Leckie ...	Guy's Hospital	M.R.C.S.Eng., L.R.C.P Lond.	535
S. G. Walker ..	Birmingham University	M.B., Ch.B Birm.	534
C. E. L. Harding	Queen's College, Belfast	M.B., Ch B. (R.U.I.)	533
A. Shepherd ..	Aberdeen University	M.B., Ch.B.Aberd.	526
W. J. Tobin ..	Queen's College, Cork	L.R.C.P. and S.Irel.	522
L. Murphy ...	Queen's College, Cork	L.R.C.P.andS.Edin., L.F.P.and S.Glas.	516
A. H. T. Davis ...	St. George's Hospital	M.R.C.S.Eng., L.R.C.P.Lond.	515
W. H. S. Burnley	Guy's Hospital	M.R C.S.Eng., L.R C.P.Lond.	512
A. L. Foster ...	Guy's Hospital	M.R.C.S.Eng, L.R.C.P.Lond.	512
J. W. Houston ...	Dublin University	M.B., B.Ch., B.A.O., B.A. (R.U.I.)	510
T. S. Eves ...	Dublin University	M.B., Ch B, B.A O.Dub.	507
R. O'Kelly ...	Catholic University, Dublin	L.R.C.P. and S.Irel.	505
F. M. Hewson ...	Royal College of Surgeons, Ireland	L.R.C.P. and S.Irel.	503
C. McQueen ..	Queen's College, Cork	L.R.C.P. and S.Irel.	496
A. E. G. Fraser..	St. Mary's Hospital	M.R.C.S.Eng, L.R.C.P.Lond.	495
J. S. McCombe...	Queen's College, Belfast	M.B, Ch.B. (R.U.I.)	495

INDIAN MEDICAL SERVICE.

CAPTAIN V. E. H. LINDESAY, M.B., is promoted to be Major, from July 29th, 1907. He was appointed Surgeon Lieutenant January 29th, 1896, and made Captain January 29th, 1899. He was in the China war in 1900, receiving a medal.

The retirement from the service of Lieutenant-Colonels L. A. WADDELL, M B., C.B, C.I.E, and C. S. RUNDLE, M.B., which has been already announced in the BRITISH MEDICAL JOURNAL, has received the approval of the King.

ARMY MEDICAL RESERVE OF OFFICERS.

SURGEON-CAPTAIN C. G. MACLAGAN, M.B., to be Surgeon-Major January 29th.

Vacancies and Appointments.

This list of vacancies is compiled from our advertisement columns, where full particulars will be found. To ensure notice in this column, advertisements must be received not later than the first post on Wednesday morning.

VACANCIES.

BATH: ROYAL MINERAL WATER HOSPITAL.—Resident Medical Officer. Salary, £100 per annum.

BATH: ROYAL UNITED HOSPITAL.—(1) House-Physician, (2) House-Surgeon. Salary, £80 per annum each.

BEDFORDSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL.—Assistant County Medical Officer of Health. Salary, £250 per annum, rising to £300.

BENENDEN SANATORIUM.—Medical Superintendent. Salary to commence, £250 per annum.

BIRKENHEAD: BOROUGH HOSPITAL.—Senior and Junior Resident House-Surgeons; males. Salaries, £100 and £80 per annum respectively and fees.

BIRMINGHAM: GENERAL HOSPITAL.—(1) House-Physician, (2) Surgical Casualty Officer, (3) Assistant House-Surgeon. Salary at the rate of £50 per annum for (1) and (2) and £40 per annum for (3).

BOLINGBROKE HOSPITAL, S.W.—House-Surgeon. Salary, £75 per annum.

BOLTON INFIRMARY AND DISPENSARY.—Senior and Junior House-Surgeons. Salary, £130 and £100 per annum respectively.

BRADFORD EDUCATION COMMITTEE.—Two Assistants to the Medical Superintendent, one male and one female. Salary, £350 per annum each.

BRIGHTON COUNTY BOROUGH.—Medical Officer of Health. Salary, £600 per annum.

BRIGHTON: SUSSEX COUNTY HOSPITAL.—House-Physician. Salary, £70 per annum.

BRISTOL ROYAL INFIRMARY.—(1) Resident Obstetric Officer; (2) Resident Junior House-Surgeon; (3) Resident Casualty Officer. Salary, for (1) £75 per annum, and for (2) and (3) at the rate of £50 per annum.

CARMARTHEN: JOINT COUNTIES LUNATIC ASYLUM.—Second Assistant Medical Officer. Salary, £160 per annum, increasing to £180.

CHORLEY: RAWCLIFFE HOSPITAL.—House-Surgeon. Salary at the rate of £90 per annum first six months and £100 per annum after.

DUDLEY: GUEST HOSPITAL.—Assistant House-Surgeon. Salary at the rate of £60 per annum.

EDINBURGH: ROYAL EDINBURGH HOSPITAL.—Four Resident Medical Officers.

HAMMERSMITH PARISH.—Assistant Medical Superintendent of Infirmary and Assistant Medical Officer of Workhouse. Salary combined, £120 per annum, rising to £150.

HOSPITAL FOR WOMEN, Soho, W.—Clinical Assistant to the Gynaecologists in the Out-patient Department.

ISLE OF MAN LUNATIC ASYLUM.—Assistant Medical Officer. Salary, £120 per annum.

LEICESTER INFIRMARY.—Assistant House-Physician. Salary at the rate of £50 per annum.

LINDSEY COUNTY COUNCIL, Lincolnshire.—County Medical Officer of Health and Chief Medical Inspector of School Children. Salary, £400 per annum, rising to £500.

LIVERPOOL: DAVID LEWIS NORTHERN HOSPITAL.—(1) House-Surgeon, (2) House-Physican. Salary, £60 per annum each.

LONDON TEMPERANCE HOSPITAL, Hampstead Road, N.W.—(1) Medical Registrar. (2) Surgical Registrar. (3) Pathologist and Bacteriologist. (4) Anaesthetist. (5) Radiographer. Honorarium at the rate of 40 guineas per annum for (1) and (2), 50 guineas for (3), 20 guineas for (4), and 10 guineas for (5).

MAIDSTONE: KENT COUNTY ASYLUM.—Fourth Assistant Medical Officer (male). Salary, £175 per annum.

METROPOLITAN HOSPITAL, Kingsland Road, N.E.—(1) Casualty Officer, (2) Resident Anaesthetist. Salary at the rate of £150 and £40 per annum respectively.

MIDDLESEX HOSPITAL.—(1) Registrar to the Cancer Wards, (2) Scholar in the Cancer Research Laboratories. Salary, £40 and £60 per annum respectively.

MONMOUTHSHIRE COUNTY ASYLUM.—County Medical Officer. Salary, £600 per annum

NATIONAL HOSPITAL FOR THE PARALYSED AND EPILEPTIC, Queen Square, W.C.—Assistant Pathologist. Honorarium, 50 guineas per annum.

NEWCASTLE EYE INFIRMARY.—Non-Resident House-Surgeon. Salary, £80 per annum.

NORTH-EASTERN HOSPITAL FOR CHILDREN, Hackney Road, E.—Resident Medical Officer. Salary, £100 per annum.

NORWICH: NORFOLK AND NORWICH HOSPITAL.—Male Assistant House-Surgeon. Honorarium, £20 for six months.

NORWICH: NORFOLK COUNTY COUNCIL.—Medical Officer of Health. Salary, £500 per annum, rising to £600.

NOTTINGHAM CITY ASYLUM.—Second Assistant Medical Officer (male). Salary, £150 per annum.

NOTTINGHAM GENERAL DISPENSARY.—Assistant Resident Surgeon. Salary, £160 per annum.

NOTTINGHAMSHIRE EDUCATION COMMITTEE.—School Medical Officer. Salary, £300 per annum.

PLYMOUTH: ROYAL EYE INFIRMARY.—Honorary Surgeon.

ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS OF ENGLAND, Lincoln's Inn Fields, W.C.—Examiner in Dental Surgery.

ST. GEORGE IN THE EAST PARISH.—Male Assistant Medical Officer for the Infirmary and Workhouse and Casual Wards. Salary, £120 per annum and 2s. 6d. weekly in place of beer.

ST. MARY'S HOSPITAL FOR WOMEN AND CHILDREN, Plaistow, E.—Assistant Resident Medical Officer. Salary at the rate of £80 per annum.

ST. PETER'S HOSPITAL FOR STONE, etc., Henrietta Street, W.C.—Junior House-Surgeon. Salary at the rate of £50 per annum.

SOUTH SHIELDS: INGHAM INFIRMARY AND SOUTH SHIELDS AND WESTOW DISPENSARY.—Junior House-Surgeon, male. Salary, £90 per annum.

WARRINGTON INFIRMARY AND DISPENSARY.—Third House-Surgeon. Salary, £80 per annum.

APPOINTMENTS.

COLLIER, James, M.D., F.R.C.P., Physician in Charge of Wards to St George's Hospital.

DENNISON, A., M.D.Edin., District Medical Officer of the Leeds Union.

EVANS, E. D., L.R.C.P.Edin., M.R.C.S., Medical Referee under the Workmen's Compensation Act, 1906, for the Courts at Wrexham and Llangollen.

FELL, A. N., M.D.Edin., District Medical Officer of the Colchester Union.

HALL, George, M.D.Lond., B.Sc.Dunelm., M.R.C.P.Lond., Honorary Pathologist to the Royal Victoria Infirmary, Newcastle-on-Tyne.

HALL, H. S., L.R.C.P., M.R.C.S.Eng., District Medical Officer of the Leigh Union.

HARRISON, T., L.R.C.P. and S.Edin., District Medical Officer of the Leeds Union.

HAUXWELL, F., M.B., Ch.B.Glasg., Resident Medical Officer, Birmingham Workhouse Infirmary.

HINE, A. E. Barratt, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., District Medical Officer of the Devonport Union.

HODGKINSON, Alexander, M.B., Ch.B.Vict., non-resident Medical Officer of the Warrington Union Workhouse.

HOLLAND, E. T., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., First Assistant Medical Officer, Chelsea Parish Infirmary.

INGRAM, P. C. P., M.B., B.S.Lond., Resident Assistant Medical Officer of the Shoreditch Parish Workhouse and Infirmary.

JARDINE, Robert, M.D.Edin., M.R.C.S.Eng., F.F.P and S.Glas., F.R.S.E., External Examiner in Obstetrics, Victoria University, Manchester.

MCCANDLESS, R., M.B., B.Ch.R.U.I., Certifying Factory Surgeon for the Rathfrilan District, co. Down.

MATHIESON, J. M., M.B., Ch.B., Fifth Assistant Medical Officer to the West Riding Asylum, Wadsley.

MORGAN, David James, M.A., M.D., B.C.Cantab., D.P.H., R.C.P.S., L.S.A., F.C.S., Medical Officer of Health for the County Borough of Swansea.

MUDGE, Z. B., L.R.C.P.Lond., M.R.C.S.Eng., Certifying Factory Surgeon for the Hayle District, co. Cornwall; Medical Officer of Health of the Hayle Urban District and Hayle Division of the Penzance Port Sanitary Authority.

ROBSON, F. W. H., M.D.Edin., District Medical Officer of the South Stoneham Union.

TOWERS, H., L.R.C.P. and S.Edin., District Medical Officer of the Leeds Union.

WEBB, Gilbert L., B.A., M.B., B.C.Cantab., Resident Medical Officer at the British Lying-in Hospital, Endell Street, W.C.

WETHERALL, P. S. B., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., Medical Officer of the Workhouse of the Weymouth Union.

WILMOT, Robert Eardley Byam, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P.Lond., Medical Officer and Public Vaccinator to the Burnham District, Eton Union, vice Alfred E. Wilmot, resigned.

BIRTHS, MARRIAGES, AND DEATHS.

The charge for inserting announcements of Births, Marriages, and Deaths is 3s. 6d., which sum should be forwarded in post-office orders or stamps with the notice not later than Wednesday morning, in order to ensure insertion in the current issue.

BIRTH.

PETTY.—On February 12th, at 148, Stamford Hill, the wife of David Petty, M.B., of a son.

DEATH.

GOODCHILD.—On February 2nd, at 154, Queen's Road, N.E., Jane Kountree Goodchild, wife of Thomas A. Goodchild, L.R.C.P., L.R.C.S.Irel., in her 65th year.

DIARY FOR THE WEEK.

MONDAY.

MEDICAL SOCIETY OF LONDON, 11, Chandos Street, Cavendish Square, W., 9 p.m.—Second Lettsomian Lecture: Tuberculosis of the Kidney, by Mr. Charters J. Symonds, M.S., F.R.C.S.

ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS OF ENGLAND, Lincoln's Inn Fields, W.C., 5 p.m.—Hunterian Lecture by Professor Victor Bonney: A Study of the Connective Tissues in Carcinoma, etc.

TUESDAY.

CHELSEA CLINICAL SOCIETY, Chelsea Dispensary, Manor Street, Chelsea, S.W., 8.30 p.m.—Communications: Mr. Crisp English: The Quiescent Appendix. Dr. T. W. Parkinson: Contrast of Symptoms in two Cases of Cancer of the Pancreas.

ROYAL SOCIETY OF MEDICINE:

PATHOLOGICAL SECTION, 20, Hanover Square, W., 8.30 p.m.—Discussion: Acidosis in Pregnancy, to be opened by J. B. Leathes; Drs. Spriggs and Bainbridge will follow. The Obstetric Section of the Royal Society of Medicine is especially invited.

WEDNESDAY.

ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS OF ENGLAND, Lincoln's Inn Fields, W.C., 5 p.m.—Hunterian Lecture by Professor Victor Bonney: A Study of the Connective Tissues in Carcinoma, etc.

FRIDAY.

ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS OF ENGLAND, Lincoln's Inn Fields, W.C., 5 p.m.—Hunterian Lecture by Professor Victor Bonney: A Study of the Connective Tissues in Carcinoma, etc.

SOCIETY FOR THE STUDY OF DISEASE IN CHILDREN, 11, Chandos Street, W., 5 p.m.—Paper by H. S. Clogg: A Case of Intestinal Obstruction: Resection of a Foot of Gangrenous Intestine: Recovery. Cases will be shown by Drs. G. Carpenter, Cautley, Whipham, Porter Parkinson, Messrs. Geo Pernet, Macleod Yearsley, Sydney Stephenson, and others.

SOCIETY OF TROPICAL MEDICINE AND HYGIENE, 20, Hanover Square, W., 8.30 p.m.—Fleet Surgeon P. W. Bassett-Smith: Kala-azar in the Royal Navy, with illustrative cases. Sir Patrick Manson: A Case of Kala-azar ending in Recovery. Dr. Cropper: Phenomenal Abundance of Malarial Parasites in the Peripheral Circulation, from a Case of Pernicious Malaria in the Jordan Valley.

POST-GRADUATE COURSES AND LECTURES.

CHARING CROSS HOSPITAL, W.C.—Thursday, 3 p.m., Skin Diseases due to Animal Parasites. 4 p.m., Electrical Treatment and Diagnosis.

GREAT NORTHERN CENTRAL HOSPITAL, Holloway Road, N.—Demonstrations, 2.30 p.m., Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday; Clinical Lecture, Friday, 3.30 p.m., Subjective Noises in the Head.

HOSPITAL FOR CONSUMPTION AND DISEASES OF THE CHEST, Brompton, S.W.—Wednesday, 4 p.m., Cases from the Wards.

HOSPITAL FOR DISEASES OF THE SKIN, Blackfriars, S.E.—Tuesday and Friday, 4 p.m., Pyogenic Infections.

HOSPITAL FOR SICK CHILDREN, Great Ormond Street, W.C.—Thursday, 4 p.m., Dyspepsia in Children past the Period of Infancy.

LONDON SCHOOL OF CLINICAL MEDICINE.—Daily arrangements: Out-patient Demonstration, 10 a.m.; Medical and Surgical Clinics, 2.15 p.m. and 3.15 p.m. respectively; Operations, 2.30 p.m. Special Clinics: Ear and Throat, at noon and 4 p.m. Monday, and noon Thursday; Skin, at noon and 4 p.m. Tuesday, and noon Friday; Eye, 11 a.m. Wednesday and Saturday; Radiography, 4 p.m. Thursday. Special Lectures:—Tuesday, 2.15 p.m., Some Bacteriological Methods of Diagnosis. Friday, 3.15 p.m., Cancer of the Oesophagus.

MEDICAL GRADUATES' COLLEGE AND POLYCLINIC, 22, Chenies Street, W.C.—The following clinical demonstrations have been arranged for next week at 4 p.m. each day: Monday, Skin; Tuesday, Medical; Wednesday, Surgical; Thursday, Surgical; Friday, Eye. Lectures at 5.15 p.m. each day will be given as follows: Monday, Lupus Erythematosus. Tuesday, Swedish Medical Gymnastics: Their Application in the Treatment of Diseases of the Nervous System. Wednesday, The Nature of the Symptoms in Heart Failure. Thursday, The Examination of Pregnant Women before Labour.

MOUNT VERNON HOSPITAL FOR CONSUMPTION, Hampstead, N.W.—Thursday, 5 p.m., Demonstrations of Cases of Chest Diseases in the Wards.

NATIONAL HOSPITAL FOR THE PARALYSED AND EPILEPTIC, Queen Square, W.C.—Tuesday, 3.30 p.m., Hysteria; Friday, 3.30 p.m., Myasthenia Gravis.

NORTH-EAST LONDON POST-GRADUATE COLLEGE, Prince of Wales's General Hospital, Tottenham, N.—The following are the Clinics, Demonstrations, etc., for next week: Monday, 10 a.m., Surgical Out-patient; 2.30 p.m., Medical Out-patient, Throat, Nose, and Ear, *X* Ray; 4.30 p.m., Medical In-patient. Tuesday, 10.30 a.m., Medical Out-patient; 2.30 p.m., Surgical Operations, Surgical Out-patient, Gynaecological. Wednesday, 2.30 p.m., Medical Out-patient, Skin, Eye. Thursday, 2.30 p.m., Gynaecological Operations, Medical and Surgical Out-patient, *X* Ray; 3 p.m., Medical In-patient; 4.30 p.m., Lecture: Surgical Aneurysm. Friday, 10 a.m., Surgical Out-patient; 2.30 p.m., Surgical Operations, Medical Out-patient, Eye; 3 p.m., Medical In-patient.

WEST LONDON POST-GRADUATE COLLEGE, West London Hospital, Hammersmith Road, W.—The following are the arrangements for next week: Daily, 2 p.m., Medical and Surgical Clinics; *X* Rays; 2.30 p.m., Operations. Monday and Thursday, and Wednesday and Saturday, 2 p.m., Diseases of the Eye. Tuesday and Friday, 10 a.m., Gynaecological Operations; 2 p.m. (also Wednesday and Saturday, 10 a.m.), Diseases of Throat, Nose, and Ear; 2.30 p.m., Diseases of the Skin. Wednesday and Saturday, 10 a.m., Diseases of Children. Lectures: At 12 noon, Monday, Pathological. Tuesday and Thursday, Practical Medicine; at 5 p.m., Monday, Clinical; Tuesday, Gynaecological Cases; Wednesday, On the Vaccination Treatment of Infective Diseases; Thursday, Clinical; Friday, Cases of Skin Diseases.

BOOKS, ETC., RECEIVED.

Essentials of Physiology for Veterinary Students. By D. N. Paton, M.D., B.Sc., F.R.C.P.Edin. Second edition. Edinburgh and London: W. Green and Sons. 1908. 12s.

The Chemical Basis of Pharmacology. By F. Francis, D.Sc., Ph.D., and J. M. Fortescue-Brickdale, M.A., M.D. London: E. Arnold. 1908. 14s.

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19 WEDNESDAY	LONDON: Medico-Political Contract Practice Subcommittee, 2.30 p.m. SOUTH WALES AND MONMOUTHSHIRE BRANCH, Cardiff.
20 THURSDAY...	ALTRINCHAM DIVISION, *Lancashire and Cheshire Branch*, General Meeting, Brooklands Hotel, Sale, 5 p.m.; Dinner, 7 p.m. CITY DIVISION, *Metropolitan Counties Branch*, Metropolitan Hospital, 4 p.m. GLOUCESTERSHIRE BRANCH, General Meeting, General Hospital, Cheltenham, 7 p.m.; Supper, afterwards, at the Cosy Corner, Promenade. LEIGH DIVISION, *Lancashire and Cheshire Branch*, Co-operative Offices, Ellesmere Street, 8.30 p.m. SOUTH CARNARVON AND MERIONETH DIVISION, *North Wales Branch*, George Hotel, Criccieth, 2 p.m. WORCESTERSHIRE AND HEREFORDSHIRE BRANCH.

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